



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Executive Agent (EA) for Subsistence (Class I) Commodity

References:

- (a) 10 United States Code 113.
- (b) DoD Directive 5100.88, DoD Executive Agent, September 3, 2002.
- (c) DoD Directive 5025.1, DoD Directives System, June 27, 2000.
- (d) Joint Publication 4-0, Doctrine for Logistics Support of Joint Operations, April 6, 2000.
- (e) Joint Publication 4-07, Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Common User Logistics During Joint Operations, June 11, 2000.

1. PURPOSE.

Pursuant to the authority of the Secretary of Defense under reference (a), this Directive:

- 1.1. Prescribes authority, policy, and responsibilities for management of the subsistence (Class I) commodity, both in peacetime and across the spectrum of military operations.
- 1.2. Designates the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as the DoD EA for subsistence.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.

This Directive:

- 2.1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, DoD Field Activities, and all organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").
- 2.2. Covers the roles and responsibilities of the EA and its relationship to the Military Departments and other applicable agencies worldwide. It applies to all aspects of subsistence support for the U.S. Armed Forces.

3. DEFINITIONS.

3.1. DoD Executive Agent. The head of a DoD Component to whom the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has assigned specific responsibilities, functions, and authorities to provide defined levels of support for operational missions or administrative or other designated activities that involve two or more of the DoD Components. The nature and scope of the DoD EA responsibilities, functions, and authorities shall:

3.1.1. Be prescribed at the time of assignment.

3.1.2. Remain in effect until the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense revokes or supercedes them.

3.2. Subsistence (Class I): Food and food-related supplies, including condiments, utensils, paper products, and bottled water.

4. POLICY.

It is DoD's policy to provide healthy, wholesome, nutritious food items to members of the Armed Forces and other persons being fed by the DoD Components. A coordinated subsistence acquisition and logistics program shall be properly resourced and operated by the Components in coordination with the EA to provide the same level of efficient and effective worldwide support during peacetime and under military operations.

5. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall:

5.1.1 Establish DoD policy and issue appropriate regulations and other written guidance on all matters dealing with subsistence support.

5.1.2 Oversee the subsistence support activities of the DoD EA to assure:

5.1.2.1 That necessary action is taken and funding obtained to ensure that subsistence requirements keep pace with the development of operational plans and force structure changes.

5.1.2.2 Development of logistics plans to support operations in all environments.

5.1.3 Assess periodically the subsistence EA arrangements for continued need, currency, and effectiveness.

5.2. The Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands shall:

5.2.1 Collaborate with the EA to include subsistence support in the planning and execution of military operations. In coordination with the EA, monitor subsistence distribution and asset visibility.

5.2.2 Determine for the area of operations the point of physical hand off and transfer of accountability and responsibility from the EA to the Services.

5.2.3 Provide timely and accurate forecasts of requirements and feedback to the EA regarding the types and quantities of subsistence items to be procured and delivered across the full spectrum of military operations.

5.2.4 Provide for the physical protection of non-combatants, the services they provide, and their associated facilities contributing subsistence support to military operations.

5.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of Defense Agencies shall:

5.3.1 Provide timely and accurate forecasts of requirements and feedback to the EA regarding the types and quantities of subsistence items to be procured and delivered across the full spectrum of military operations.

5.3.2 Coordinate with the EA in requirements determination, logistics planning, and proposed mission transfers to assure materiel availability during peace and war and to eliminate duplication of effort.

5.3.3 Develop and promulgate intra-Service subsistence employment and support doctrine that is compatible with joint doctrine.

5.3.4 Develop, program, and budget for intra-Service subsistence support, including research and development, in support of the Unified and Specified Commanders' operational plans.

5.3.5 Reimburse the EA for goods and services provided and mission transfers, where applicable.

5.4. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

5.4.1 Provide guidance on subsistence support for operational plans.

5.4.2 Ensure that the Unified and Specified Commanders assess the adequacy of subsistence support for deployed forces.

5.4.3 Develop, in conjunction with the DoD Components, joint doctrine for the employment of subsistence resources.

5.4.4 Monitor the Program Objective Memorandum and budget submissions of the Military Departments to ensure that programmed resources support validated requirements.

5.5. The Director, Defense Logistics Agency shall:

5.5.1 Serve as Executive Agent for subsistence.

5.5.2 In coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Department and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, develop and implement plans, procedures, and DLA resource requirements for subsistence support.

5.5.3 Plan for, procure, manage, distribute, and insure the wholesomeness of subsistence products throughout the supply chain. Deliver items to locations as mutually agreed to by the Military Departments, the Unified and Specified Commands, and the EA.

5.5.4 Maintain war reserve stocks at authorized levels.

5.5.5 In coordination with the Services, plan, develop, fund, implement, and maintain the Joint Food Management System.

5.5.6 Establish a joint subsistence policy board, under the chairmanship of the EA, as a mechanism to plan, coordinate and resolve subsistence related issues.

5.5.7 Foster greater supply chain integration by assuming mission transfers as mutually agreed to or as directed by higher authority.

5.5.8 Coordinate with the Defense Commissary Agency, Service Exchanges, and other entities on matters of mutual support in overseas locations.

5.5.9 Provide support to non-traditional organizations as required.

5.5.10 Provide management information and reports as required to Military Departments and combatant commands to monitor and improve overall operations.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Directive is effective immediately.